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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir;

I co-signed Dan Kegel's open letter, but I would like to express some personal concerns of mine as well.

The PFJ doesn't prevent Microsoft from continuing it's current anti-competitive practices. There is a point at which capitalism can inhibit free enterprise. I believe that Microsoft has reached that point. They have and are currently using their current monopoly--in workstation operating systems--to establish monopolies in other markets (READ internet access, home entertainment systems, etc). They have restrictive licensing on their development environments that prohibits their use to create non-MS Windows software/applications. Finally, the PFJ would allow them to bring lawsuits against excellent software projects, like samba (see <http://www.samba.org/>), which are working towards integration--not market domination.

Thank you for listening to the concerns of a voter.

Sincerely,

Mike Cathey